

Subject: Request for access to closed Dumbarton Sheriff Court record held under reference number SC65/43A/34.

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Information requested:

Request for access to verdict from a trial at Dumbarton Sheriff Court in April 1990, held under reference number SC65/43A/34, Indictment reference I28/90.

NRS Response:

A sensitivity review has been undertaken on this file by the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service. They have released the information requested, given that William Blaney died on 20 December 1990.

We can confirm that William Blaney was accused of 7 charges, 6 of sexual offences and 1 of fraud. On 12 April 1990, the jury acquitted Mr Blaney of all 7 charges. The jury was discharged.

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide information if it is already reasonably accessible by inspection or copying, even if a payment has to be made for it.